

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
November 2, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham Presiding

Present: Council Member Roxanne M. Burns
Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.
Council Member Stephen A. Jennings
Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso
Mayor Graham

Also Present: Sharon Addison, City Manager
Robert J. Slye, City Attorney

City staff present: Matthew Roy, Kenneth Mix, Yvonne Reff, David Wurzburg, Fire Chief Herman, Brian Phelps, Eugene Hayes, Michael Sligar, Geoffrey Urda

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Amendment No. 104 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan
- Tabled Resolution - Adopting Employee Handbook
- Request from Jefferson Community College for Discounted Student Bus Fares
- Health Insurance Premiums

Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2015, was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Roxanne M. Burns, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from James W. Wright, Executive Director of the Development Authority of the North Country, notifying Council of the Authority's upgraded bond rating and the status of the Regional Economic Development Survey.

A letter was received from Kim E. Dyke, 1352 Sherman Street, opposing the zone change request for 115 Brook Drive from Residential A to Limited Business.

Above communication was placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

S.G. Gates, 157 Dorsey Street, addressed the chair concerning the proposed dog park at Factory Square Park. He mentioned the petition that was submitted by the neighbors on Fairview Street and stated they deserve a response.

Tina Barajas, 86 Public Square, addressed the chair concerning a problem with bed bugs in her apartment. She said it is a Neighbors of Watertown Building and she is not satisfied with how it is being handled. She asked for the City's assistance with this problem.

Mayor Graham asked the City Manager to have staff look into this.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Amendment No. 104 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, hereby approves Amendment No. 104 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan, for the position listed below, as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
IT Project Manager	\$55,000

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution - Adopting Employee Handbook *(Introduced on 10/19/15; tabled; appears in its entirety in the 2015 Minutes Book on page 8 of the 10/19/2015 minutes).*

Remained tabled.

STAFF REPORTS

Request from Jefferson Community College for Discounted Student Bus Fares

Mayor Graham asked if this will be reviewed by the Transportation Board.

Ms. Addison said a recommendation will come from staff after there is a meeting with JCC next week.

Health Insurance Premiums

A report was available for Council to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Mayor Graham thanked staff for working with the Friends of the Library ensuring the book sale took place even though there was an electrical outage. He said the cost of the generator should be a City cost and not imposed on the Friends of the Library.

Council agreed.

Council Member Butler also thanked staff, as well as National Grid, for allowing this book sale to take place over the past weekend.

Bed Bug Issue at 86 Public Square

Council Member Butler mentioned the lady that spoke during Privilege of the Floor and said time is of the essence so he asked the City Manager to provide Council a report within the next few days.

Washington Street Crosswalk in front of the Watertown High School

Council Member Butler questioned the school's policy regarding lighting the crosswalk during events held at the High School. He reported there was an accident there during one of the events recently, and he asked staff to contact Superintendent Fralick regarding this.

Mayoral Election

Council Member Butler wished Mayor Graham well in Tuesday's election.

Haunted Trail at Thompson Park's Vortex

Council Member Macaluso mentioned this event, stating Parks and Recreation staff did a fabulous job.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by motion of Council Member Stephen A. Jennings, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk